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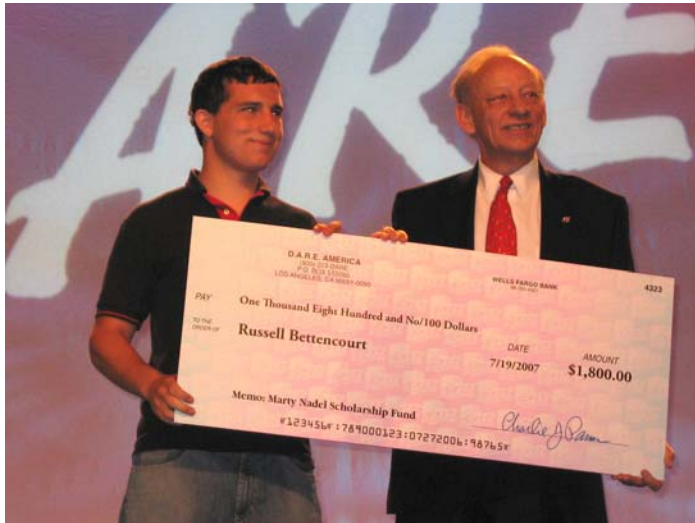
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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



A graduate of the Placer County Sheriff Department's DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) program was recently awarded a national DARE scholarship.

Russell Bettencourt, now 18, was a sixth-grade DARE student at Franklin Elementary School in Loomis. His DARE instructor was Deputy Dave Eriksen. Russell later joined the Sheriff Department's Explorer Post and volunteered his time as a minor decoy for both the Sheriff's Department and the Dept. of

Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in an effort to combat the sales of alcohol to minors.

In June 2007, Russell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Del Oro High School, where he was a four-year varsity letterman in wrestling. He was recruited to the United States Military Academy at West Point for wrestling. Upon graduation from Del Oro he was awarded the West Point Civil Preparatory Scholarship and he currently attends Blair Academy in New Jersey and plans to enter West Point in 2008.

Bettencourt and his mother, Laurie, were flown to Nashville to receive the \$1,800 Marty Nadel Scholarship, named in memory of the long-standing supporter of DARE and recipient of the DARE America Lifetime Achievement Award.

Caption info: Russell Bettencourt, left, accepts his \$1,800 scholarship from Charlie Parsons of DARE America.